

**METHOD FOR ACCESSING THE BUSINESS VALUE OF  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A method for determining the net value of an information technology  
application or portfolio of applications. User value contributions for the application are  
developed by calculating internal user costs and external costs, following which,  
breakouts of the organizational IT budget as well as staffing costs and resources are  
10       carried out. From the data thus developed, total application value is determined in  
conjunction with an uplift factor as applied to a base application value. Factors  
representing unavailability, potential total loss, and inflexibility are derived and  
subtracted from the total application value along with a subtraction of a total IT budget  
to achieve a net application value corresponding with the value of the analyzed  
15       application.

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